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POSTAL WORKERS STAMP ON COMPANY PLANS

DUBLIN Postal workers are to be congratulated on their recent resistance to the suspensions at Ballsbridge.

The 93% vote in favour of industrial action forced the company to concede payment to the suspended workers.

In line with recent developments throughout the Semi State, An Post wants to

- ***improve the quality of service***
  and at the same time
- ***reduce costs.***

And they will continue to attack workers' pay and conditions to achieve their goals—just as happened in TEAM and Irish Steel.

But the Labour Relations Commission recommendation that half a days pay should go to a "suitable National charity"—possibly the Vincent de Paul—is an outright disgrace.

Charities like Vincent de Paul are certainly very deserving especially at Christmas time.

But the poor and needy in our city should be cared

for by the State, by the heavy taxes we already pay - and not with the wages owed to 30 workers.

Postal workers are really being forced to pay their own wages by the use of Union funds for the lost half day.

Attacks on workers in the Semi-State companies are set to continue in 1995 as An Post, Telecom Eireann and the ESB push ahead with their planned cut-backs, redundancies and cost-cutting.

But all their plans can be driven back by the sort of resistance shown by Dublin Postal workers over the last few weeks. Rank and file unity and organisation is key in all workplaces to stop the cuts and redundancies. Workers in An Post have given a lead.

As Government crisis continues and our union leaders soft-peddle, we urgently need a fighting socialist alternative in this country to unite working class people against the attacks on their jobs and living conditions.

The Socialist Workers Movement is actively building that resistance.

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